

Chapter Registration Forms for 2007 have been arriving at the MAFCA office. There are still chapters that need to return their form. If you misplaced the form mailed to your chapter address in December and need one, you can download one from www.mafca.com or contact the office or me to send or e-mail one to you. Remain a "chapter in good standing"; return your 2007 Chapter Registration Form. While you're filling out your registration form, also check your chapter at the MAFCA information page on the MAFCA website. You can click on Additions and Corrections and update any information necessary.

MAFCA's 2006 Roster is available to all chapters that would like a copy. The Roster is free for the asking, the only cost to your chapter is shipping and handling. MAFCA's new book of Model A Games will be wrapped up soon. Please send in any games you would like included in this publication as soon as possible to the MAFCA office complete with directions and any sketches necessary to the description. MAFCA is also looking into having a DVD produced of the first 10 years of the Restorer magazine. If this is something you would be interested in owning, let me know.

I am so pleased that Rex Gardner of the Vintage Car Rally has given youth teams a chance to compete in a road rally by offering a division, called the Tin Cup Division, for high school / youth group / vo-tech teams, with adult team captains. This is a great opportunity for teams to continue to enjoy navigation and driving in a rally event and also offers the opportunity for more teams, as the expenses are now more affordable. Check out there website at <http://www.vintagecarrally.com>. MAFCA is offering grants to qualifying teams who want to participate in the rally experience. The deadline has been extended to March 15th. Contact the MAFCA office, or me or find the forms at www.mafca.com. A special thanks to J. D. Hanks for finding this alternative for our youth and I was thrilled to be able to help get a policy in place to make grants available to help with expenses.

I'm currently working on a policy that will recognize hard working webmasters throughout MAFCA. The award will serve to encourage webmasters to broaden and enhance the content of their web sites while encouraging more chapter involvement through up-to-date information. This policy should be in place shortly. Watch for information to have your chapters web site considered for recognition. I would like to offer a special thanks to MAFCA members Steve Mick and Bruce Marshall for their suggestion.

One way to get young people involved in your local chapter is through a chapter web site. My own local chapter's webmaster started when he was just 17 years old. Young people have grown up with computers. Who better to start a web site for your chapter or help with the updates and changes of a current web site? MAFCA's webmaster is always asking for volunteers to write about the web site, offer suggestions or their talents to make the MAFCA web site more useful and attractive.

If your chapter is considering starting a web site, check out www.namesecure.com. For less than \$9 per month, they will host your web site and give you 2gb of space. You can pick your own domain name for less than \$10 per year. The total of a 1 year package is just over \$100.

An added addition to the MAFCA web site is the listing of chapters in alphabetical order instead of just by state. This way if you know the name but not what state the chapter resides, you can look the chapter up by name. While in the process of writing the MAFCA web site policy, I found a number of outstanding chapter web sites. I was amazed to see a newly chartered chapter (December 2006) has a great web site that is up and running already.

Have you seen a Model A Parts Poster? A member inquired to Rick Black, MAFCA's webmaster regarding this item. He said that they were originally mounted on a cylinder and sat on the Ford Dealer's counter so the customer could point out which part he needed to fix his car. Anyone seen an original? Does anyone reproduce this chart? If you have any information, e-mail Rick at webmaster@mafca.com or give me a call and I will forward the information to Rick.

Serving my fourth year as Chapter Coordinator has allowed me to have the time to get to know numerous MAFCA chapters. Recently, Treasure Valley A's sent me a DVD produced by member Kim Ray titled "*Treasure Valley A's Retrospective*." The disk includes the previous two years as well as 2006. What a great way for their chapter members to recap a great year of events and keep the memories alive. The DVD sells for \$10.00 and all proceeds go to the chapter for the purchase of an overhead projector.

The George Washington Chapter recently added a Youth Development Chairperson. The overall intent is to encourage a new younger generation of Model A enthusiasts. I have seen a number of chapters in my 3+ years as Chapter Coordinator start chapter scholarships or contribute to the Model A Youth Scholarship. There are chapters who are mentors for young people rebuilding Model A's or help young members financially with a restoration project or contribute to Model A Youth Restoration Award. This all insures a strong future for the Model A hobby.

I read an outstanding article in the *Choke Rod* from the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter titled "*Looking Back – Looking Ahead, Remembrance and Appreciation*". Rachelle Marquez is in her early twenties, has grown up in the Model A hobby and wrote this article from her heart. She wrote about her experiences and travels in the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and how much she enjoys "learning about the past...and how people lived in such simple times" and "...learning from your elders and their experiences in life". Rachelle gave recognition to members who impacted her life from the chapter, even those who have passed on. She also served on her local board of directors serving as secretary and at age 18, president. What an asset to the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and to MAFCA. Rachelle also writes era fashion articles for the newsletter and is giving back to the chapter and setting a wonderful example to younger members currently growing up in the chapter.

The January issue of *The Oil Leak*, the newsletter of the Minuteman Chapter, had an interesting article called "*The Future of the Club*." It is a story of how fifteen-year-old Matt Johnson acquired his 1930 Model A Coupe. Matt has been interested in Model As for years. Matt has helped out at Minuteman's annual Tour Clinic and has attended chapter events riding shotgun with his mentor Dick Stitt. Networking, Devine Intervention, the Ford Barn and friends helped Matt find his Model A. With the help of chapter members, the A was running within an hour. Matt was able to drive it in front of the house and is now disassembling the car for rebuilding. It's wonderful to see this young adult interested in Model A's and in the future of our hobby.

Valentine's Day has recently past but love is still in the air. I found a picture that shows the rear window of a Model A owned by Amey Parish. It has a wonderful tribute to her late husband. Under the rear window of the 1929 Tudor Sedan it says, "This Model 'A' belongs to and was restored by Marshall "Uh-Uh" Parish – It is driven daily in his memory...love without end. Amen. Something so loving...I had to share.

I would also like to share a great tip by a member, Teta Vagasky: Your cell phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for your survival. The emergency number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency — Dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

I read an interesting article in the Quail, the magazine of the Model "A" Ford Club of Great Britain. The FBHVC (Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs) recently published a report to a questionnaire regarding historic vehicle groups. They found that members of FBHVC clubs own 540,000 vehicles of which 406,000 are on the road. Of the nearly 32 million vehicles licensed for road use in the UK, historic vehicles count for around 1.3%. The report also found that 81% of clubs have a web site; 67% of historic vehicles cover less than 900 miles a year, 20% covering less than 300; 67% of vehicles are valued at less than £10,000 (\$19,503 in US dollars); 45% of enthusiasts are between 41 and 60 years of age, 47% between 61 and 80 and 97% are male. They are reported that there are 150 auto museums in the UK. Wouldn't it be great to know how these figures compared to the United States?

That's it for now. Please feel free to keep in touch by e-mail at sgrundie@sbcglobal.net or telephone me at 262-513-0447 (CST) evenings or weekends. Enjoy that Model A!

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